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December 16th Tribal Election Results



KBIC voters register with election officials in the L'Anse District on Election Day.

Tribal Elections were held on Saturday, December 16, 2006. Voting members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community visited polls located at the Zeba Methodist Church, if residing in the L'Anse District, or the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, if residing in the Baraga District. Voters were to choose two of three candidates running for a three-year seat in the L'Anse District — Susan J. LaFerner (*Incumbent*), Shawanung (Joe Dowd) (*Incumbent*), and Jennifer Misegan. Also voters, were to choose two of three candidates in the Baraga District — Frederick Dakota (*Incumbent*), Warren (Chris) Swartz (*Incumbent*), and Jerry Lee Curtis. Voters were also able to cast their ballot for who would fill the three-year seat as Chief Tribal Judge of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community — Bradley T. Dakota (*Incumbent*) or Rose Edwards..

According to Tribal Election Board, the final certification will come from Tribal Council at the next Saturday meeting, scheduled for January 6, 2007. Immediately following the election, in an open meeting, preliminary counts were announced as Jerry Lee Curtis (received 329 votes) and Warren Chris Swartz (received 264 votes) which earned them a three-year term in the Baraga District; Fred Dakota received 233 votes. Susan J. LaFerner (received 386 votes) and Jennifer Misegan (received 236 votes) which earned them a three-year term in the L'Anse District; Shawanung received 206 votes. Bradley Dakota (received 279 votes) secured the position of Chief Tribal Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the next three-years; Rose Edwards received 150 votes. An Executive Board is expected to be chosen by Council at the January 6, 2007, meeting.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO HEAR APPEAL OF DECISION THAT INDIAN PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE PROPERTY TAX

On Monday, November 27, 2006, the Supreme Court of the United States denied a petition for a writ of certiorari brought by members of the Michigan State Tax Commission seeking review of the decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit enjoining the imposition of Michigan property taxes on Indian-owned lands within the L'Anse Indian Reservation. A three-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit on June 26, 2006, had affirmed a district court decision that the Michigan General Property Tax Act is not enforceable against fee simple land owned by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community or its members within the boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Supreme Court's refusal to review the Sixth Circuit's decision means that decision is now final, fully vindicating the position of the Community and its members which was first advocated in the 1982 litigation before the Michigan Tax Tribunal and later pursued in litigation in the Michigan State Courts in the late 1900's, and early 2000's, and finally in the Com-

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President
 Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
 Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
 Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary
 Toni Minton, Treasurer
 Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.
 William E. Emery
 Elizabeth D. Mayo
 Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
 Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
 Frederick Dakota
 Shawanung



Special points of interest:

- Tribal Council Meeting—December 2, 2006
- Even Start/Youth Club offers new family activity—Father's Group
- KBIC actively plans for the survival and continuing vitality of the Ojibwe language.
- Christmas Celebrations
- Thirty-four signs of drug use
- Missing Children, from Red Lake
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munity's federal lawsuit which was filed in 2003.

"The Supreme Court's decision confirms the Community's long-held position that the 1854 Treaty, as well as general principles of tribal sovereignty, absolutely prevents the state from imposing property taxes on our Reservation lands regardless of the title by which they are held," said Susan J. LaFerner, President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. "By refusing to reconsider the decision of the appeals court, the Supreme Court's decision finally upholds the position of the Community and the state did not have the legal authority to tax land owned by the Community or a member of Community within the L'Anse Reservation. Our Tribe is gratified and thankful that we can assure our future generations will be afforded the rights that our ancestors intended over 150 years ago. The Council and I wish to thank everyone that has given us support since this case began," said President LaFerner.

The Federal Appeals Court, affirming the decision of the Federal District Court, held that enforcement of the Michigan Property Tax against Community—and Community member-owned lands within the L'Anse Reservation would violate the 1854 Treaty with the Chippewa at LaPointe, which created the Reservation as a permanent home for the Community's predecessors and expressly guaranteed in Article 11 precludes involuntary alienation of Indian-owned lands within the Reservation by tax sales or otherwise, and thus prevents state taxation of such lands. In so holding, the court agreed with the District Court that "It defies logic to believe that the Indians would have signed a treaty ceding over seven million acres to the United States, knowing that they could lose the land they kept as a reservation the following year, due to non-payment of taxes."

The appeals court further held that the Michigan Property Tax could not be enforced against Community—and Community member-owned lands within the Reservation because Congress had never enacted a statute that made these lands either alienable or taxable. The Court noted the federal common law rule that Indian-owned property within an Indian reservation is not subject to state taxation unless Congress has expressly authorized such taxation by statute. The court held that the 1854 Treaty, under which the Reservation lands had been allotted and made alienable, was not an act of Congress and did not authorize taxation of Indian-owned Reservation lands. The court also held that neither the Dawes Act nor any other federal statute authorized the allotment, removal of restrictions, or taxation of any lands within the L'Anse Reservation. Accordingly, the court held that Indian-owned lands within the Reservation were not subject to Michigan property tax under federal common law grounds.

DECEMBER 2, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on December 2, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Shawanung present. Invocation—An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung and the Lord's Prayer were cited. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council — one topic brought forth a motion. The National Congress of American Indians sought a letter of support from Keweenaw Bay to House Leadership to support the re-establishment of a House Committee on Indian Affairs. **Motion by Warren Chris Swartz for Susan LaFerner, Tribal President, to send a letter of support to Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader, to ask for her to support the re-establishment of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, supported by Doreen Blaker, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

Susan LaFerner reported in the President's Report, on November 1, she attended the Michigan Department of Human Services "Family to Family—Building Community Partnerships" kick off event held at Northern Michigan University. This department is working with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to implement the child welfare reform initiative in every county around the State. The goal is to place a child who must be removed from their family with a permanent and stable family in

the child's own community, and ensures that birth parents, foster parents, community and tribal representatives are involved in the decision making process concerning the placement and service needs.

President LaFerner would like to thank all who voted in the November 7, election. Tribes are now preparing for the Native Vote 2008 Campaign, which tribal members will be hearing about in the near future. If anyone is interested in working with this organization, contact the Tribal President's office.

We are very close to presenting the final plans/options for the Pre-primary program, and the tentative dates to begin the program will take place after the holidays. President LaFerner indicated that, "We are not calling it pre-school anymore; it is the pre-primary program."

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is providing an opportunity for public comment on the additional information submitted on October 27, 2006, by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company on the application for a mining permit for the proposed Eagle Project mine. MDEQ has extended its deadline for making a proposed decision on the mining permit until January 9, 2007. This allows for consolidation of public hearings on applications for the three permits—mining permit, groundwater discharge permit, and an air discharge permit. The MDEQ is accepting public comments on Kennecott's Supplemental Response for 42 days until December 26, 2006. The MDEQ will review the comments, after which it will make a proposed decision on the mining permit application and issue a notice of the consolidated public hearing.

We are truly rejoicing that the United States Supreme Court on Monday, November 27, 2006, denied a petition for a writ of certiorari brought by members of the Michigan State Tax Commission seeking review of the decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit enjoining the imposition of Michigan property taxes on Indian-owned lands within the L'Anse Indian Reservation. The Supreme Court's refusal to review the decision means that decision is now final and confirms our position that the 1854 Treaty, as well as general principles of tribal sovereignty, absolutely prevents the State from imposing property taxes on our Reservation lands regardless to title by which they are held. This was the intention of our ancestors over 150 years ago. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has given us support since this case began in 1982. (See press release, page one.)

Also congratulations to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of our Constitution and By-laws on December 17, 2006. This is from the certification of adoption: Pursuant to an order, approved October 15, 1936, by the Secretary of the Interior, the attached Constitution and By-laws was submitted for ratification to the L'Anse, LacVieux Desert, and Ontonagon Bands of the Chippewa Indians, residing within the original confines of the L'Anse Reservation, and was on November 7, 1936, duly adopted by a vote of 239 For, and 18 Against, in an Election in which over 30% of those entitled to vote cast their ballots, in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, (49 Stat. 378). Approved in Washington D.C., December 17, 1936.

Larry Denomie III, gave the Secretary's Report for November 2006. Two special meetings were held during the month of November. At the special meeting held 11/09/06—approved the September 2006, Department Head reports; authorized \$8,261 for Hazardous Waste Removal from the Tub Craft building to OSI; authorized moving forward with the Solid Waste Management Plan in Baraga and the alternative site first in Zeba depending on the engineering review; approved Resolutions KB1509-2006 through KB1512-2006; approved Jerry Swartz residential lease, Albert Matthews recreational lease, William Chosa residential lease, and Joe Spruce Recreational lease; approved Northwoods Environmental Industries, Inc. for asbestos abatement services at the Ojibwa Seniors in the amount of \$5,200; approved \$1200 for the Marquette Senior Christmas party and \$1200 for the Baraga Senior Christmas party; and approved a \$25 gift card for those 55 and older; denied a request from Paul Smith regarding funding; approved a \$5 per hour wage increase for the two General Managers, David Haataja and John Mantila, retro to October 13, 2006; authorized an additional \$5,000 for the feasibility study with JLC Consultants; approved \$2,120 for two to attend the small business hub zone meeting in Louisiana; and approved a lease agreement for Jerry Magnant for the Tub Craft building at \$1 per square foot plus utilities and the first and last months rent paid upfront. At the special meeting held on 11/17/06—approved the meeting minutes of September 23, October 7, and 12, 2006; approved the Services Agreement with Northwoods Environmental Industries, Inc.; passed a motion to have the list of all those who were originally on the Christmas Gift Check list,

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those who were removed and those who are questionable given to council; approved the candidates for the upcoming Tribal Council election; approved the candidates for Chief Tribal Judge position; approved the registered voter list with one pending address verification; authorized travel expenses for Rodney Loonsfoot to attend the HCAAP training; approved an additional \$3,300 for the KBIC Kids Christmas Party; approved removal of Denise LaPointe's name from the approved candidates list for the upcoming Tribal Council Elections pending her letter stating such; approved advertising for four surveillance workers for the upcoming election; approved Resolutions KB1513 and KB1514 for two percent distributions for Marquette and Baraga respectively; approved collapsing the Superior National Bank Certificate of Deposit and pay off of the Pines Convenience Center loan #920744; authorized signing of the Services Agreement between the KBIC and OSI; approved \$250 for Paul Pouttu's mother Pam for Emergency Medical Travel; authorized Paul Pouttu to receive the Christmas Gift Check; approved donations for the month of November. (See Treasurer's report.)

Toni Minton reported in the Treasurer's Report that Council approved donations on November 9, 2006, as: KBIC Baraga County Seniors Christmas Party—\$1200, KBIC Marquette County Seniors Christmas Party—\$1200, and KBIC Seniors Christmas gift cards for \$25 each, totaling \$5,725. Donations were decided at the November 17, 2006, special meeting. Approved were: KBIC Head Start/Early Head Start Christmas Party for \$1,240; Baraga Area Schools—Elementary Yearbook Committee—\$100; Baraga Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Party—\$500; and the Marine Corp League Toys For Area Youth—\$2,000. In addition, Council approved a \$5,000 donation to the March of Dimes in June 2006; that was paid out of the November 2006 budget. On November 17, 2006, Council collapsed the CD held by the Superior National Bank and paid the loan in full for the Pines Convenience Center. Council approved the two-percent payments on November 17, 2006. Two-percent distribution in Marquette totaled \$183,126.90 and are as follows: Charter Township of Chocolay/Police & Fire Departments—\$60,000; City of Marquette/American Indian Coordinating Council for Native Youth Prevention Programs—\$9,000; City of Marquette/NMU Center for Native American Studies for Native Student Empowerment Initiative Program—\$4,700; City of Marquette/NMU Native American Student Association for the "Learning To Walk Together" Pow-Wow—\$5,000; County of Marquette/Board of County Road Commissioners for an equipment purchase to be used by both the Baraga County and Marquette County Road Commissions—\$50,000; County of Marquette/Board of Commissioners for essential county services—\$29,426.90; and County of Marquette/Marquette Dental Clinic for dental services for low income families—\$25,000. Two-percent distributions in Baraga totaled \$160,372.35 and are as follows: Village of Baraga/Baraga Fire Department final fire truck payment—\$37,500; Baraga County Treasurer—\$26,928.12; Baraga Area Schools—\$32,418.66; Baraga Township—\$10,847.43; Village of Baraga—\$8,339.01; L'Anse Area Schools—\$16,180.19; L'Anse Township—\$1,823.81; Village of L'Anse—\$1,335.13; and Baraga Township/Bay Ambulance—\$25,000.

Council approved the October 19, 2006, and November 4, 2006, meeting minutes. Selection of election workers for the L'Anse and Baraga Districts were discussed. Nine letters of interest from the Baraga District and five from the L'Anse District were received. **Motion by Larry Denomie to draw names from a hat, supported by Michael LaFERNIER Sr., eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.** **Motion by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews to include only the names of those who are not employed for this drawing, supported by William (Gene) Emery, eight support (Swartz, Denomie, Minton, Emery, M. LaFERNIER, Loonsfoot, Matthews, Shawanung), three opposed (Blaker, Dakota, Mayo), 0 abstaining, motion carried.** Workers for the L'Anse District will be Myrtle Tolonen and Diane Charron. Workers for the Baraga District will be Matt Shalifoe Sr. and Chris Loonsfoot.

Terri Denomie, Chairman of the Education Committee, addressed the Council with a concern of the Education Committee. Cut in the budget review were two 20-hour in-school tutor positions. Status reports indicate that in the Baraga elementary school alone that out of 111 students, 75 of the students require extra tutoring, and out of the these 74 students, 39 of them are tribal children. Mrs. Denomie indicated that these children are not attaining the reading and math skills in K-3 that they'll need in junior high and high school. Many of the students are averaging a "D" average, and these are our children. **Motion by Larry Denomie for the Education Director to work in conjunction with the Education Committee and Youth Director (Carole LaPointe), and anyone else who can get a plan together to provide these two tutors, supported by Michael LaFERNIER Sr., eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan, sought permission for the licensing department to pursue Veteran's License Plates. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve the motor vehicle licensing department to workout the details to implement license plates for Veterans, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., ten support, 0 opposed, one abstaining (Dakota was out of the room), motion carried.**

Motion by Doreen Blaker to donate KBIC flags to the L'Anse and the Baraga Schools if they can find a place to display them, supported by Elizabeth Mayo, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

Warren Chris Swartz brought forth a request from the cultural committee who are seeking financial funding for a three-day weekend workshop on Language Immersion. The content of the training will raise awareness and understanding of the community about second language acquisition and immersion education. The community will then be in a position to develop a comprehensive plan for producing speakers of Ojibwe. Theodore Holappa, Director of the Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program (by letter) indicates their experience working with Tribal and First Nation communities tells us that this first step is critical to the long range success of developing a sustainable community based plan. This introductory workshop is designed to introduce to the community the growing field of Native Language Immersion Education. Those benefiting from the training will be fluent speakers of Ojibwe, Ojibwe language students, as well as those professionals, community leaders and members involved in the revitalization of the language. A discussion occurred regarding how present language classes that are now taught in the community are not producing fluent speakers. Peggy Minton, a KBIC member, who currently travels to attend the Bay Mills Immersion classes, indicates, "Memorizing word for English word is not retained in the one's mind. Immersion techniques work on the principal of how one learned to speak the English language, by listening to it in one's home (environment), day after day, until you learned to speak English—in that same sense, you will acquire how to speak the language—Ojibwe." **Motion by Toni Minton to approve \$7,486 for the cultural committee's request to host the three-day workshop, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.** The Council is strongly encouraging the community to attend this three-day workshop. Our language is very important within our culture; we need to restore it back into our everyday lives.

Council approved the October 2006, Department Head Reports prior to entering into closed session with John Baker and Susan LaFERNIER on the agenda.

KBIC EMPLOYEE GOV'T CHRISTMAS PARTY & 70th Anniversary of the Certification of our Constitution

The KBIC Government Employee's Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 2, 2006, in conjunction with a celebration for the 70th Anniversary of the Certification of our Constitution (approved in Washington D.C., December 17, 1936).

Opening the evening, President LaFERNIER gave a welcome, 'As the end of the year approaches, the Tribal Council would like to take a moment from the usual rush to thank all of it's employees for the hard work that they do and wish to let them know that the Council appreciates each and every one of their employees. Our employees are a very special group, and we wish you and your families the very best in the coming year. Chi Miigwetch to Kim Klopstein and Elvera Lantz for all their work, so we could enjoy this party.'

Doreen Blaker offered the prayer, which was immediately followed by a delicious meal. Christmas caroling was lead by John Bussey with his assistant Shawanung. The group participated in a session of Christmas Trivia lead by Stan Spruce. Pauline Knapp Spruce, Personnel Director, presented the employee recognition of employees with ten years of service or more with the tribe. Employees are recognized in five year intervals. (See separate listing, page four.) Gift giveaway followed, and many employees strolled over to the Pressbox who provided music by "Stranded."



Caroling with John Bussey (right) and Shawanung (left).

KBIC Recognizes Employees (five year intervals)

Employees recognition at the Annual Christmas Party.

Ten years of service—

Carole LaPointe
Suzan Ollila
Cheryl Bogda
R. Brent Johnson
Tina Durant
Robert Lamson
Paul Halverson
Stanley Spruce
Mary Tikkanen (11 years)
Susan Lawrence (11 years)

Mary Campioni
Bruce Kemppainen
Diane Waara (16 years)
Michael Cardinal (16 years)
Debra Herrala (17 years)

Twenty years of service—

Marilyn Loonsfoot
Debra Picciano
Michael Jensen

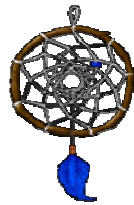
Twenty-five years of service—

Philomena Ekdahl

Thirty years of service—

Nanette Beck
William Brunk
James Nardi
Patricia Gerard
Ruth Scott

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REMEMBER
TO ORDER
YOUR INDIAN
TACO'S IN
ADVANCE
FROM THE
YOUTH CLUB
— 353-6623,
"O". INDIAN
TACO SALE
IS JANUARY
18th.



Father's Group



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Sleigh rides
- Wood working
- Maple sugaring
- Ojibwe culture
- Spend time with your children
- Visit with others
- Other topics and times decided by the group

First Meeting Thursday, January 4, 2006, 6-8pm

- Ojibwa Community College Commons Area
- Transportation & Childcare Available
- Dinner will be provided

Open to all Baraga County fathers, uncles, grandparents and children.

To register call 353-8161 or 353-4643

Sponsored by KBIC Even Start & KBIC Youth Club

EVEN START/YOUTH CLUB OFFER NEW ACTIVITY GROUP

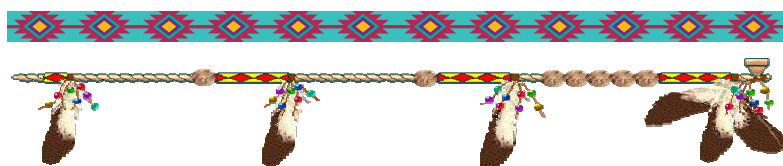
KBIC Even Start is collaborating with the KBIC Youth Club to offer Father/Child activities. The first get together is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2007, from 6:00-8:00pm. Supper will be provided.

The group is open to all children and male family members involved in the child's life. It can be a grandfather, uncle, or any male role model. Families differ and the adult need not be related, but must be a significant person of the child.

The Father's Group will provide opportunities for fathers to meet with one another, spend time with their children, and focus on building relationships and early learning experiences. Dads will discover new ways to make learning a fun experience for their children.

Family activities will be scheduled to provide an opportunity for families to meet with one another. Family night activities may include sledding, experiencing Ojibwa traditions, etc. Field trips provide an opportunity for families to take a break, spend quality time together, and share learning experiences.

The group will be led by Donny Dowd with assistance from John DeLine, KBIC Even Start Adult Education teacher. To register or for more information, call Even Start at 353-8161 or Carol LaPointe, Youth Club Director, at 353-4643.



Lunch & Learn

Women join us on
Thursday, January 25th ,
at 12:00 noon
in the Ojibwa Motel Chippewa Rooms

Marianne Brady, PhD.

will present on
**Keeping Happy During the
Winter Months**

For more information or to register
contact Heather at 353-4546.

Sponsored by the Women's Health Circle and
Healthy Start



Women's Resistance Training

Starting **Monday, January 8, 2007, at 6:00 pm**

Class meets on **Mondays and Thursdays**
for **six weeks** in the **KBOCC Fitness Center**



Registration is required prior to attending class.

To register or for more information contact Heather
at the KBIC Health Department at 353-4546.



Sponsored by the
Women's Health Circle
and S.T.E.P.S.



Women's Chiropractic Issues
and
Health & Wellness of the
Entire Body

LUNCH & LEARN

**Thursday,
February 1st
at 12:00 noon
in the
Ojibwa Casino
Chippewa Rooms**

Presentation by
Kemmy L. Taylor-Doman, D.C.
and
Mischa N. Doman, D.C.
from
Superior Family Chiropractic

Non-invasive spinal analysis
screening will be available
on-site.

For more information or to
register contact Heather
at 353-4546.

Sponsored by the
Women's Health Circle



2007 Women's Retreat Community Planning Meeting

**Friday, January 19, 2007
at 1:30 p.m.**

KBIC-DHHS Conference Room

All women who would like to
help plan the 2007, Annual
Women's Retreat please attend
this meeting.



For more information contact Heather at 353-4546.



Seeking Community Input

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community received Federal Funding in April 2006, to enhance the provision of Child Support Services by developing a full service Child Support Program over the next two years.

The KBIC Office of Child Support Services has begun the planning and development of this new program. One important component is obtaining Community Members input on: Child Support Guidelines; Non-Cash Support; what works and doesn't work in the existing Child Support program Tribal or State and any other suggestions for creating a quality Tribal Child Support Program.

To assure we obtain the best possible results with a wide perspective on the topics, we will be holding three (3) different meetings at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center for the following target audiences:

Custodial Parents:

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Non-Custodial Parents:

Tuesday, February 6, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tribal Elders:

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Community's input is very important to us and our Program. We hope that you will take the time to attend.

For more information, please contact the KBIC Office of Child Support Services at: (906)353-4566.

PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO APPOINT FOUR MEMBERS TO BOARD OF ADVISORS ON TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

During the first week of December 2006, President George W. Bush announced his intention to appoint four individuals to serve on the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

The Board's new members are:

- Dr. Verna Fowler, of Wisconsin, President—College of the Menominee Nation; a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.
- Dr. Joseph Hiller, of Arizona, Assistant Dean for Native American Programs—College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona; member of the Lakota Sioux Tribe.
- Richard Stephens, of California, Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Administration—The Boeing Company; member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians.
- Edward Thomas, of Alaska, President—Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska; member of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

The Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities are charged with ensuring that Tribal Colleges and Universities have full access to federal and private programs and funds that benefit other higher education institutions. The Board makes recommendations to the President and the Secretary of Education on ways the federal government and the private sector can help Tribal Colleges strengthen and expand their resources, programs, facilities and use of technologies.

Miracle's Second Chance struck by lightning, dies on the Janesville farm



Sunday evening, November 27, 2006, lightning struck on the Heider farm in Janesville, Wisconsin. The next morning, Heider went to check on the animals before going to work where he found the white calf's mother walking around and grunting. Heider followed her up the hill where he discovered the five dead buffalo; two buffalo cows and three buffalo calves, including white buffalo – Miracle's Second Chance. Heider thinks it was one lightning strike that hit all five buffalo and a nearby tree. Heider stated, "Miracle's Second Chance was born in a storm and died in a storm." The Native American Community will be saddened with the loss.

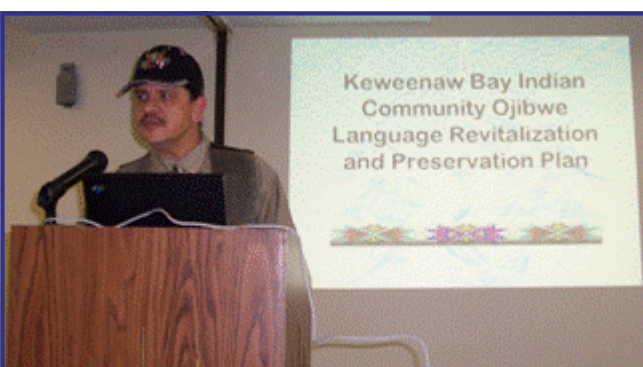
KBIC ACTIVELY PLANS FOR THE SURVIVAL AND CONTINUING VITALITY OF THE OJIBWE LANGUAGE ON THE L'ANSE INDIAN RESERVATION

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office and the Language Assessment Coordinator introduced the KBIC Anishinaabe Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans in its first Community Gathering held, Thursday, December 7, 2006, at the Ojibwa Enterprises Conference Room. This first Community gathering is the first of four to be held and was planned to introduce the plan and Assessment Team to the Community. KBIC expects to achieve two objectives with the proposed project—1) the completion of an Anishinaabeg Ojibwe fluency, proficiency and literacy assessment of the Community members living on or near the L'Anse Indian Reservation, and 2) the development of a Community approved Anishinaabeg Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan including long-range Community goals. The overall project goal is to assure the survival and continuing vitality of the Ojibwe language on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. Sample survey questions were distributed to gather input on how to design the various

questions. The final survey will be distributed throughout the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to all age groups in late January. The Cultural Committee will also be conducting oral interviews.

Earl Otchingwanigan, Professor Emeritus and a KBIC member, is a fluent speaker from birth. Earl spoke, "One-Hundred-Fifty years ago, the first language in this Community was the Ojibwe. It is your right to know your language. We all know how we lost that language, but this Community has the opportunity to revitalize that language, right now. Why do we need the language? The language is important because it is you. It is up to you, the Community. It may be your last chance."

A feast was held in conjunction with the planning meeting. Keenan Quedarer, son of Earl Otchingwanigan, provided fiddle music and Four Thunders Singers sang an opening song before the meeting. Summer Cohen, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer gave the welcome. Donald Chosa Jr., Language Assessment Coordinator, presented the project plan. Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the assessment plan. The Language Assessment Coordinator will be housed at the KBIC Cultural Center. For more information contact Don at 353-7020.



Donald Chosa Jr., Newly hired Language Assessment Coordinator, provided an overview of the project plan.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AROUND KEWEENAW BAY



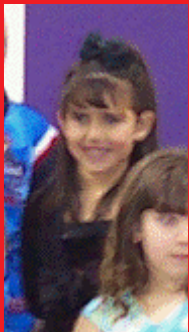
The children's party was held on Dec. 9, 2006. If you did not receive your Santa picture, call Carole LaPointe at 353-4643. All pictures were printed and left at the Youth Office. All pictures taken at kid's party, Senior party or school concerts are available by email. Email the request to newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

Courtney Clisch sang many Christmas songs for the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.

Alicia Jacker performed beautiful flute Christmas songs at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. Alicia will be touring Europe with an International Band later this year.



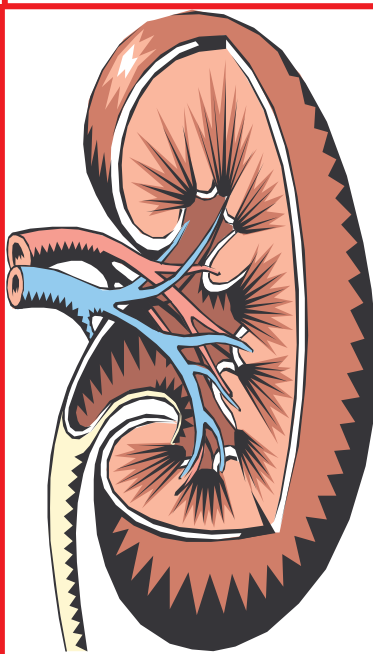
School Concerts
2006



Jessica Dakota, performed numerous Christmas tunes on fiddle. She was accompanied by Manny Durant on guitar. This song, Blue Christmas, called for the help of Elvis (Dave Firestone) to do an unexpected performance for the group. The Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Christmas Party was held December 10, 2006.



Prevent Or Delay Kidney Disease Are You At Risk?



Risk Factors For Kidney Disease

1. Diabetes
2. High Blood Pressure
3. Obesity
4. Family History of Kidney Disease

*If You Have Any Of The Above Risk Factors,
Ask Your Physician To Test Your Kidney
Function (A Simple Blood or Urine Test).*

*Early detection, treatment & education can
prevent or delay kidney disease.*

Library News.....Biography of a newly published author—



KBIC descendant, newly published author, Mary Sikorsky.

Mary was born and raised in Baraga, Michigan. She lived in Baraga County for 40 years of her life until the lure of a warmer climate drew her away. She is the daughter of Ray and Mary Stark and the great-great granddaughter of Peter Crebessa. Her great grandfather, John Crebessa, was the Lighthouse keeper in Baraga, for most of his life. Her father, Ray, was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

She moved south in 1995, she now resides in Savannah, Georgia, with her husband, David Sikorsky, and daughter, Katie. She also has a son, Peter, who will graduate from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, with a degree in English. He is hoping to attend law school in the fall of 2007. Mary is a registered nurse and is currently working with adolescents in a residential treatment facility for behavioral health.

She has had a lifelong love of poetry and just this past year began to write seriously. She has one poem published in an anthology by the International Library of Poetry, called "Timeless Voices". The poem is titled "Simply for Pleasing".

The Old Skating Shack, by Mary Sikorsky.

It stood there so humble
the old skating shack
with such a warm welcome
as my thoughts take me
back

The cold could dig deep
maybe down to the bone
as your fingers became numb
and your toes nearly frozen

It's adornment was rustic
with a worn wooden floor
a wood stove in the middle
and a loud creaking door

The enjoyment was there
at least for a time
but the shack was a lifesaver
a real valuable find

The fire did crackle
and smelled of smoke some
as we gathered around
to put our skates on

Oh humble skating shack
you aren't eye pleasing
but your inner value
goes beyond reason

The night air was brisk
out there on the rink
with the snow softly falling
that made your eyes blink



The library received several donations in November. Geri Murphy from Houghton, donated a complete set of Agatha Christie novels. Mary Hindlang from Chas-sell donated the magazines "Alaska" and "Natural History." Margaret Ross donated two Christmas books. Thank you so much for the donations.

KBIC Ojibwa Community College Diabetes Prevention Education Program donated the following children's books: Tricky Treats, Through The Eyes of The Eagle, Knees Lifted High, and Plate Full of Color. One of the characters in the books is "Little Hummingbird." She wears a Green Bay Packer jersey with Brett Farve's #4. Brett endorsed using the jersey, only on the provision it be worn by a girl. Brett is a descendant of the Choctaw tribe.

Good news.....as of December 1, the Native American collection of VHS and DVD movies can now be checked out of the library.

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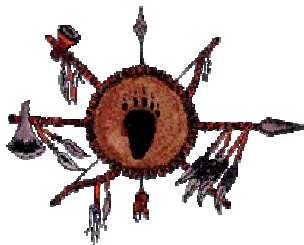
Thank you to those of you who have shown interest in the Adopt-A-Road program, which will begin in the Spring of 2007. Please send your information to Susan LaFernier for the signs, which will be put up similar to the State of Michigan signs (In Memory, in a groups name, your name, etc.) Call (353-6623) or send to: Susan LaFernier, 16429 Beartown Road Baraga, MI 49908.

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LOST AND FOUND

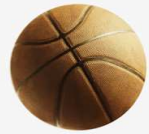
There are several jackets, flannel pants, shorts & T-shirts in our Lost & Found box at the Youth Center.

Please claim your items by January 15th, or these items will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul. Thank you!



First Annual

**KBIC Youth
Basketball Clinic**



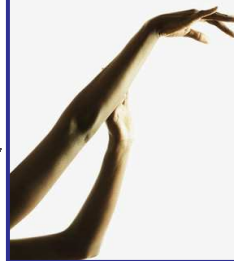
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National Diabetes Educational Program (NDEP)
KBIC Youth Club

January 20, 2007

Ages 8—15

Registration Forms due:
January 5, 2007

Call 353-4643
for more information!



Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League 2006 Awards Banquet



**Saturday
January 13, 2006
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Players vs. Adults
Bring a parent, aunt or uncle
to challenge in a freindly game of basketball!!!
(Coaches Welcome)**



**Pot Luck
Bring your favorite dish to pass.**

**Hosted by:
LTBB
Location: Petoskey High School
1500 Hill Petoskey, MI
Contact you local MUTYBL Representative or coach
to sign up to play on a team.**

KBIC DRUG TASK FORCE—Removes Graffiti



Becky Tussing (left) and Valerie Voakes (right) remove graffiti advertising Oxy's and Ritalin with a name and phone number. Members of the Drug Task Force decided after one of their Drug Task Force meetings to erase the "advertising" graffiti. If anyone knows of any other signs (graffiti), please contact Vicki Dompier (353-7117) or any other Drug Task force member. They will remove it.

Thirty-Four Warning Signs of Drug Use

If you are suspicious your child may be using drugs, don't ignore the warning signs. Children seldom grasp the concepts of addictions. Most believe it can't happen to them. For some teens, the stress of adolescence and pressure from their peers is overwhelming, and drugs become an enticing escape from their real world. Here are thirty-four signs that your child may be using drugs.

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| 1. Neglected appearance/hygiene | 18. Stealing/borrowing money |
| 2. Poor self image | 19. Change in friends |
| 3. Grades dropping | 20. Depression |
| 4. Violent outbursts at home | 21. Withdrawal |
| 5. Frequent use of Eye Wash | 22. Apathy |
| 6. Unexplained weight loss | 23. Reckless behavior |
| 7. Drug Paraphernalia | 24. No concern about future |
| 8. Slurred speech | 25. Defiles family values |
| 9. Curfew violations | 26. Disrespectful to parents |
| 10. Running away | 27. Lying/deception |
| 11. Skin abrasions | 28. Sneaky behavior |
| 12. Hostility toward family members | 29. Disregards consequences |
| 13. Chemical breath | 30. Loss of interest in healthy activities |
| 14. Glassy eyes | 31. Verbally abusive |
| 15. Red eyes | 32. Manipulative/self-centered |
| 16. Valuables missing | 33. Lack of motivation |
| 17. Possessing unexplained valuables | 34. Truancy |

Parenting presents continuing challenges. Putting on blinders will never create resolutions. The subject of teenage drug abuse is very wide and multifaceted, involving many drugs and their variations. For even when a parent does become aware of drug use, they often underestimate the extent of their child's involvement.

Marijuana—What you need to know

The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that marijuana is the illegal drug most often used in this country. Studies show nearly 50% of teenagers try marijuana before they graduate high school. Many parents of teens experimented with marijuana in their college days, and now find it difficult to talk to their kids about the use of marijuana. But today, marijuana use begins at a much younger age, and there is a much more potent form of marijuana available to the kids today.

Kids site their use of marijuana as a way for them to cope with life's problems; to deal with anxiety, anger or depression; a way to escape; something to do so as to ease boredom. Long-term studies of high school students appear to demon-

strate a pattern that few young people use other drugs without first having tried marijuana. Of itself then, marijuana is a gateway drug.

The Silent Epidemic—Huffing

There are over 1,000 common household and classroom products that can be used as inhalants, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse. Huffing is a form of drug abuse that is on the rise with our young people at an alarming rate. These products are so common, you most likely would not be alarmed if you saw a teen buying them. After all, would you stop to realize that something as seemingly harmless as hairspray, whipped cream or air freshener could be used as harmful drugs? These products typically contain gases such as butane or toluene, which can harm the liver, kidneys and bone marrow, and also cause brain damage.

Most huffers begin very young. According to a study by the Cape Cod Islands Partnership to Reduce Substance Abuse, it was found that one out of five students had tried "huffing" by the seventh grade. Inhalants were found to be the third most abused substance, behind tobacco and alcohol, in the twelve-fourteen year old age group, per the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Kids can either die from abusing inhalants repeatedly or even the first time! Would you recognize the warning signs of huffing?

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| * Chemical smell on child or child's clothing | * Unusual breath odor |
| * Correction fluid on nose, fingers, or clothing | * Decreased Appetite |
| * Markers in pockets | * Frequent headaches |
| * Red eyes, nonsensical talk, irritability | * Sores around mouth |
| * "Drunk" appearance, slurred speech | * Lack of concentration |
| * Low grades, school absences | |

Meth-The Equal Opportunity Destroyer

Crystal meth, crank, speed, glass, ice...met amphetamine drugs go by many names and have many forms. Typically, it is found in powder or crystallized forms and can be smoked, inhaled, eaten or shot-up intravenously. Users are referred to as 'tweakers'. It's very available and cheap to buy, and produces an extended 'high' making it extremely tempting to the young and foolish.

Meth speeds up the central nervous system causing physical and psychological effects that, at first, seem pleasurable: increased alertness and energy, decreased need for sleep, euphoria and increased sexuality. Meth is highly addictive as users often continue using to avoid the inevitable 'crash' when the drug's euphoric effects begin to wear off. Meth tricks the body and brain into believing it has unlimited energy supplies, which is how meth users are able to stay awake for long periods of time. But these chemical imbalances in the brain and sleep deprivation result in hallucinations, extreme paranoia and often bizarre, violent behavior. Once meth entraps the user, it wreaks havoc with the body from weight loss and malnutrition, to welts on the skin known as 'crank bugs', shortness of breath, hyperactivity, severe depression, paranoid delusions and suicidal tendencies.

The goal of this article has been to provide an overview of teen drug abuse and to make you keenly aware of the warning signs. Again, if the warning signs indicate that intervention is necessary—call 1-800-637-0701 to speak with a consultant on what resources are available to you.

This article has been submitted for your attention by the KBIC Drug Task Force.

Brad Dakota	Vicki Dompier	Becky Tussing
Bill Kirchhofer	Doris Roberts	Valerie Voakes
	Pecky St. George	

Pumpkin Roll, submitted by Diane Charron

3 eggs
2/3 cup pumpkin (commodity kind)
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 cup flour



Combine all ingredients and beat well. Grease a large cookie sheet, the kind with edges on the pan, like a large jelly roll pan. Line the pan with waxed paper, (the pan is greased so that the waxed paper will stick in place). Spread the mix on top of the waxed paper, this will be very thin. Bake at 375° for 12 minutes. Do not over bake.

While the cake is baking, sprinkle a terry cloth dish towel with powdered sugar (sprinkle the towel heavy with powdered sugar). Turn the cake onto the towel as soon as it comes out of the oven. Carefully peel off the waxed paper (once you get

the corners started, it comes off easy). Sprinkle the top of the cake with more powdered sugar, and at one end—roll up the cake, towel and all. Let it cool—put it in the freezer for 15 minutes or frig for an hour.

Pumpkin Roll Filling

1— 8 oz package cream cheese
2 Tabs butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla



Mix all the ingredients together well. Unroll the cake, and spread with the filling. Roll back up (without the towel) and refrigerate.

After it is chilled, you can slice it and it looks so nice. Two cans of pumpkin will make five pumpkin rolls. This is much easier to make than it sounds.

Community & Youth Calendar - JANUARY 2007

Underline entries reflects Youth Club activities.
For more information call 353-4643.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.</p> <p>7 <u>MUTYBL returns home, returning at 7pm.</u></p> <p>14 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>21 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>28 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p>	<p>1 Tribal Gov't offices closed for News Year's Holiday! <u>Youth Club closed.</u></p> <p>8 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u> <u>After-school Program begins</u></p> <p>15 Tribal Gov't offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>22 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>29</p>	<p>2 Tribal Gov't offices closed for News Year's Holiday! <u>Youth Club closed.</u></p> <p>9 Karate class 6-6:50pm</p> <p>16 <u>Early Head-start gym day 9:45am-11am; Karate Class 6-6:50pm</u></p> <p>30 <u>Early Head-start gym day 9:45am-11am; Karate Class 6-6:50pm</u></p>	<p>3 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>10 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>17 <u>OPEN GYM, after preparing for Taco Sale, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>24 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>31 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p>	<p>4 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>11 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm; Writing with light class 3:30-5:30pm</u></p> <p>18 <u>YOUTH INDIAN TACO SALE FUNDRAISER, 11AM-3PM, call (in advance) 353-6623 "0" to place order.</u></p> <p>25 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p>	<p>5 <u>MUTYBL Basketball Make-up Game in Bay Mills — leaving at 5pm</u></p> <p>12 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>19 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p> <p>26 <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm; Youth Dance Fundraiser—8pm-12 midnight</u></p>	<p>Red Road Wellbriety meetings on Saturdays</p> <p>6 Girls grade 6 BB prac. 12-2pm; Boys grade 4 BB practice 2-4pm; <u>MUTYBL Basketball Make-Up Game in Charlevoix</u></p> <p>13 Girls grade 6 BB prac. 12-2pm; Boys grade 4 BB practice 2-4pm; <u>MUTYBL BB Awards BanquetPe-toskey H.S. 11am-3pm</u></p> <p>20 <u>KBIC Youth Basketball Clinic, 7am-7pm</u></p> <p>27 Girls grade 6 BB prac. 12-2pm; Boys grade 4 BB practice 2-4pm; <u>OPEN GYM, 4-9pm</u></p>

Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. E-mail newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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Meet Octavia Geroux, born 11/01/2006, to Yvette Friisvall and Rick Geroux. Octavia weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches in length at birth.



Red Road to *WELLBRIETY* meeting (wellness/sobriety talking circle) will be held on Saturdays, beginning January 6, 2007, 7:30 p.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga. This talking circle is for men and women of all ages, including our youth.

Marquette Housing Representative — The Marquette Ojibwa Housing Projects has a new representative who will attend the Ojibwa Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners' meetings. Residents recently elected Linda Rabitalle as their representative to voice their concerns to the Board of Commissioners. While the Board of Commissioners are appointed by the Ojibwa Council, Ms. Rabitalle was elected by her neighbors in the Marquette Housing Projects. Linda Rabitalle attended her first Board meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

Announcing - KBIC After School Program is now available for students in grades K-6, from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Structured activities for school-age students of working parents for \$2.50/hour. Contact Youth Director to enroll 353-4643 or e-mail clapoite@kbic-nsn.gov.



Traverse Island Spawning Lake Trout Survey

From October 23-27, 2006, KBIC-NRD staff worked with KBIC Law Enforcement in performing fisheries research on Lake Sturgeon and Lake Trout populations near South Portage Entry and Traverse Island spawning shoal. Primary objectives of the work included assessing abundance of Lake Sturgeon near the South Entry outlet to Lake Superior, and to tag and release a minimum 100 individual Lake Trout at Traverse Island.

Adult Lake Sturgeon captures were low in October efforts, with five individuals being assessed, tagged and released. We observed a variety of other species in the surveys, with northern pike dominating the catch.

The Traverse Island spawning Lake Trout survey was highly successful, with >300 Lake Trout being assessed for the week and >150 of these fish being tagged. The vast majority (82%) of Lake Trout on the reef were mature and ripe males, with the remainder of Lake Trout being an equal mix of ripe running and green (not ready to spawn) females, indicating we hit the peak of the spawning cycle.

A wide array of biological data is gathered from surveyed fish, including length, weight, sex, Sea Lamprey attack rate, hatchery vs. wild origin and overall condition. Eight percent of the catch died during the survey, and these fish were assessed even more thoroughly, with stomachs being collected for diet analysis, inner ears being taken for accurate age estimation, and eggs being counted from dead females to estimate individual productivity (fecundity). After processing, fish were taken by individual crew or were donated to residents at South Entry who allowed KBIC to moor the Law Enforcement vessel there. A portion of the fish were even donated to Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly of Houghton for a charity dinner.

Data continues to be analyzed regarding October and additional fisheries surveys for 2006, and preliminary analysis indicates a healthy spawning population of Lake Trout on Traverse Island spawning shoal.

Feel free to contact KBIC-NRD with comments or questions.

~ Gene Mensch, KBIC-NRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist



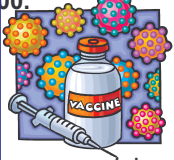
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The KBIC Medical Clinic has received its supply of the influenza Vaccine. Vaccinations are available on a walk in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. For more information please call 353-8700.



Annual Influenza Vaccination is recommended for:

- Children aged 6 - 59 months;
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Persons aged 50 years or older;
- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months - 18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and therefore, might be at risk for experiencing Reye's syndrome after influenza infection;
- Adults and children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma (hypertension is not considered a high-risk condition);
- Adults and children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunodeficiency (including immunodeficiency caused by medication or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- Adults and children with any condition that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory sections (i.e., a condition that makes it hard to breathe or swallow, such as brain injury or disease, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other nerve or muscle disorders.)
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities that house persons of any age who have chronic medical conditions;
- Persons who live with, or care for, persons at high risk for influenza-related complications, including healthy household contacts and caregivers of children aged 0-59 months
- Health-care workers

The KBIC Medical Clinic will also be offering the Flu Vaccine to Non-Native household members. For more information, and on how to register at the KBIC DHHS please contact Denise Maki at 353-4539.



KBIC RECEIVES LAKE TROUT FOR STOCKING



The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Iron River National Fish Hatchery (IRNFH) out of Iron River, Wisconsin, provided the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) with over 250 brood Lake Trout for stocking into lower Keweenaw Bay on Wednesday, November 15, 2006.

These Lake Trout are descendants of Traverse Island spawning Lake Trout and were hatched in 2000-2001. They averaged from 3 to 4.5 pounds.

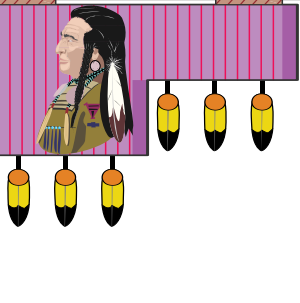
KBIC Natural Resource Technician, Jerry Jondreau assists USFWS Biologist, Steve Redman in stocking lake trout at the Baraga

OJIBWEMOWIN

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Great Spirit Moon - January

Ojibwemowin page created by: JoAnne Racette, KBIC Ojibwa Community College Native American Studies Instructor.


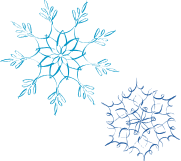


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Vocabulary

biboon - winter
zoogipomagad - it snows
maajipo-magad - It starts to snow
ishpagoonagaa - there is lots of snow
Ishpate - the snow is deep
ishkwaapo - it quits snowing
giijipo - it snowed enough
dakaasin - the wind is cold
gitchi gisinaa-magad - it's very cold
gisinaa-magad - it's cold



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Martin Curtis, Sr.
(September 12, 1942—November 23, 2006)

Martin Curtis Sr., 64, of L'Anse, died Thursday, November 23, 2006, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital.

He was born September 12, 1942, in L'Anse, a son of the late Percy and Lillian (Champagne) Curtis and had been a lifelong area resident. Marty was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Martin enjoyed fishing and playing cribbage in the L'Anse VFW Cribbage League. He is survived by three sons, Martin (Elizabeth) Curtis of Baraga, Robert (Camorah) Curtis of Tampa, FL, and William "Bill" Curtis of Hurley, WI; three daughters, Barbara Curtis of L'Anse, Yvonne Curtis of L'Anse and Helen (Donny) Shalfoe of Baraga; a sister, Ruth Curtis of L'Anse; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Francis Curtis.

A memorial service was held on Friday, December 1, 2006, in the Jacobson Funeral Home with Rev. John Henry officiating.

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MISSING CHILDREN



Avery Stately
Age: 2 DOB: 09/24/2004
Sex: Male
Race: American Indian
Hair: Black Eyes: Brown
Height: 3' 00" Weight: 36



Tristan White
Age: 4 DOB: 09/06/2002
Sex: Male
Race: American Indian
Hair: Black Eyes: Brown
Height: 3' 04" Weight: 45

Missing From: Red Lake, MN.
Missing Since: 11/22/2006
Details: Avery and Tristan are half brothers. They were last seen at their home in Red Lake the morning of 11/22/2006. Avery was last seen wearing a light gray sweatshirt, navy faded blue jeans and white Spiderman sneakers. His nickname is Ave. Tristan was wearing a dark blue Spiderman jacket, a black and white striped shirt, and blue jeans.

The FBI is offering a \$30,000 reward. Anyone with information should contact the FBI at 612-376-3200, or the Red Lake Tribal Police Department at 218-679-3313.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/Employment Opportunities

On Call positions: LPN - RN - Unit Manager - Account Executive/Sales - Child Care Provider - Cashier - Receptionist/Clerical Worker.
For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact:
KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 Or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

Anishinaabe Anokii
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 A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program



8:00 am-4:30 pm

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Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor
Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

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